

Cedar Park Fall Field Study Permission Form

The Cedar Park Elementary staff and the Dakota County Park Department are working together to offer an exciting environmental education program for the Cedar Park children once again this year. All of our students will participate in environmental classes (fall, winter, and spring) taught by the classroom teachers and the Cedar Park Specialists. The field studies will be held at the Lebanon Hills Regional Park in Eagan.

The fall field studies schedule is set:

Wednesday	September 23	Third grade
Wednesday	September 30	Fourth grade
Thursday	October 1	Fifth grade
Thursday	October 8	Kindergarten
Tuesday	October 13	First grade
Wednesday	October 21	Second grade

The students will board the buses at Cedar Park at 9:45 AM and arrive at the park by 10:00. They will spend the rest of the day participating in hands-on outdoor learning and will arrive back at Cedar Park in time to ride the normal buses home. The Kindergarten classes will spend half a day at the park and also return to Cedar Park in time for their regular dismissal.

Please help your child be prepared by listening to the day's weather report and dressing him/her appropriately. The children will spend most of the day outside. There is a visitor center and other buildings for us to use as necessary, but the lessons are planned for outdoor learning. The students will need to wear sturdy shoes for walking through the woods, prairies, and on the dirt trails (no sandals or flip-flops). They will want to be dressed in clothes that will keep them warm if the weather is cool or cold. The classes will be outside even if it is raining, so children should wear rain gear and hats if the weather sounds wet (we do have some extra student rain ponchos). A field study will be cancelled and rescheduled only if the weather is severe.

Food for the day. You are encouraged to send along a healthy snack and water. If you are packing a lunch, please make it with as little waste packaging as possible. School bag lunches are also available and the form to request a bag lunch is attached.

The park fees are being paid for by Cedar Park, but this year families are being asked to help defray the cost of the bussing by sending \$2.00. Thank you for supporting this valuable learning opportunity for our children.

Sincerely,
Cedar Park Staff

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Please sign the form and return it to your child's teacher at least three days before the date of the trip.

_____ (student name) has permission to participate in the Dakota County Field Study program this fall.

_____ Yes, the school cafeteria should provide a bag lunch for my child.

_____ I have included \$2.00 for transportation costs.

_____ I request a scholarship for the bus fee.

Parent signature

Date